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MUSLIM ENROLMENT IN SCHOOL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether enrolment of Muslims at the primary level was only 9.39 per cent and in upper primary classes it was only 7.52 per cent during in 2006-07 while the Muslim population is over 13 per cent in the country;

(b) if so, whether the survey conducted by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) has revealed that in Muslim dominated States like UP,Bihar,West Bengal and Kerala, the community needs improvement to bring them to the mainstream;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the facts regarding lesser enrolment of Muslims in proportion to their population has also been revealed in Sachchar Committee`s Report;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a to f) According to the National University of Education Planning and Administration`s (NUPEA) District Information System for education,elementary education the percentage enrolment of Muslim children in the 6-14 years age group compared to the communities`share in the population,shows a national coverage of 9.39% at primary and 7.62% at upper primary level for the year 2006-07.In the case of UP it is 9.24% and 7.18%,in Bihar 8.95% and 6.60%,in West Bengal 27.9% and 19.63%,while in Kerela it is 10.13% and 9.59%, respectively.

Data collected on muslim children Under DISE system for elementary education,was done for the first time in September 2006.The data sets stabilize in a few years.

While Sachar Committee has not made any estimate of enrolment in proportion to population, based on the data of National Sample Survey organization (NSSO),the committee has estimated that in Kerala, Karnataka, Delhi, Maharashtra and some other states the enrolment rates among Muslims are higher than state average.On the other hand,in states like UP,Bihar,Jharkhand and Uttrakhand enrolment rates are estimated by the committee to be lower than the state average.

Under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, focused targeting of funds in 88 districts with substantial muslim population is being done.Furthermore,under the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalya`s 270 residential schools have been sanctioned in educationally backward blocks with substantial muslim population.